

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of )  
WITSCHER et al. ) BOX PCT  
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International Application )  
PCT/EP 00/02010 )  
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Filed: March 8, 2000 )  
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For: TRICYCLIC BENZOYLPYRAZOLE DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as shown in the attached sheets.

R E M A R K S

The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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